1949

DEDICATION

DEDICATED

TO

OUR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

who have made it

possible for us

to reach this

place in

school

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First and Second
Grades

MRS. J. B. WEBB
Third and Fourth
Grades

MRS. L. T. McDONALD
Fifth and Sixth
Grades

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Agriculture

SENIORS

WILMA MAURICE JUNE
SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President---------- June Clark
Vice-President---------- Wilma Sheppard
Secretary and Treasurer-- Maurice McGahee

School Building

ESTHER ALLEN
"Esther"
"Who thinks too much, who talks too little.

LLOYD KITCHENS
"Pee Wee"
"As prone to mischief as able to perform."

JUNE CLARK
"June"
"Athletic and clever, loyal and kind; another just like her you will never find.

MAURICE McGAHEE
"Reese"
"Cute, and not very big, but dynamite comes in small packages."

BETTY JEAN HADDEN
"Betty"
"As quiet as a summer breeze, as sweet as a new born rose.

WALTER RABUN
"Boe"
"I know what I am, but know not what I may be."

GLYNN HADDEN
"Tug"
"He's on the alert when it comes to a skirt."

JIMMY SHEPPARD
"Shep"
"I care for nobody, no not I if nobody cares for me."

THOMAS HOWARD
"Tom"
"Take it easy or not at all."

WILLMA SHEPPARD
"Tillie"
"There's mischief in this lass so sweet and cheerful."

ALMA MATER

You are a wonderful high school.
Dear old Stapleton High.
You'll hold a spot
Down deep in my heart
Till the stars no longer shine.
These days will live on forever
Down in my memory
For there'll never be
A high school to me
Like our own dear Stapleton High!

CLASS MOTTO

But to act, that each tomorrow
Find us better than today.
-Longfellow.

CLASS COLORS

Green and White

CLASS FLOWERS

Larkspur and Queen Anne Lace

THE CLASS HISTORY

The Senior Class started off in the first grade with thirty pupils. Our teachers for the first seven grades were, Miss Johnson, Miss Cowart, Miss Caver, Miss James, Miss Pullen, Mrs. McDonald, Miss Walden, Miss Pennington, Mrs. Lofton, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Kilgore, and Mrs. Adams.

We entered into High School in the eighth grade with fourteen pupils. Entering into the Freshman year of High School brought new fields of thought in working toward the Senior Year.

The Sophomore year brought the writing of short stories and the exploring of higher mathematics. The class spirit which had been gradually increasing, manifested itself in athletics.

The Junior year we joyously accepted the responsibilities of higher classmen. The most thrilling adventure found us preparing for the Junior-Senior Banquet. June found us preparing responsibilities for the Senior year.

The Senior year started off with twelve pupils. We lost two, one marrying and one quitting.

Of the thirty pupils that started in the first grade, only five will graduate together.

CLASS POEM

WE GRAVE AND REVEREND SENIORS

We grave and reverend Seniors,
    Who thought the years so slow
We spent in acquisition
    Of things we had to know,
Are filled with wild excitement;
    At last the goal is won.
We gaze in admiration
    Upon the work we've done.
The courses we have taken,
    The stiff exams we've passed
Would indicate intelligence;
    With wonder we're aghast.

The faculty, they tell us,
    Are equally surprised,
For when they found us passing
    They scarce believed their eyes.
Perhaps it was their wisdom
    That dragged us up to grade,
And so we're saying, "Thank you,"
    For good advice and aid.
How often we have counted
    The time till holidays,
And wished the hours were shorter
    In education's ways!

But now we may discover
    What old folks say is true:
Life's working day is lengthly,
    And holidays are few.
Still armed with high endeavor
    We'll meet fate with a smile
And strive with heart undaunted,
    Remembering the while
That life, despite misfortune,
    Is but adventure gay,
And death's a friend that gives us
    A last long holiday.

CLASS WILL

Individually and collectively, we the Senior Class of 1949 leave Mr. Cook the exclusive right to chew gum in the class room.

Walter Rabun wills his ability to spell to Frank Terry.

Betty Jean Hadden wills her figure to Jeanette Paul, hoping that it will help her make a success in the career of "Modeling."

To Mr. Cason, our superintendent, we bequeath the everlasting respect and high esteem of every member of the class with the understanding that he regard this class as the most dutiful and most promising of any that shall ever graduate from the Stapleton High School.

Esther Allen wills her quietness to Joanne Arrington, her curly hair to Janelle Usry.

Wilma wills her Berry to Ann Johnson to feed her Swan.

In recognition of the four years of our High School experience we will to her our sincere wishes for continued happiness in future years with her husband.

Thomas Howard wishes to will his handsome looks to Jack Rabun.

The Senior Class wants to will their good times at class meetings to the Junior Class.

June Clark having won distinction among her classmates and friends for dropping her chicken at the Junior-Senior Banquet, wishes the above distinction to mark the Junior year of Barbara Rabun.

The Senior Class kindly willed Ann Thigpen to Tommie Burke without obligation.

Jimmy Sheppard wills his height to Roy McGahee and his beard to Johnnie Peebles.

To the undergraduate who is most in danger of not passing next year we bequeath Glynn Hadden's store of information, who wills his love to Milderd Hobbs and his handwriting to Mrs. Kilgore.

To the undergraduate needing it most, we give Lloyd Kitchen's supply of language, which will enable the recipient to tell more and say less than any other human being.

Maurice McGahee wishes to dedicate his quiet and shy ways to Farris Pendery, his girl friends to his brother Roy, and neatness to J. S. Beasly.

To our dear old school building itself, we leave the peaceful quiet caused by our absence and any apple cores, pencil marks, wads of gum or crumpled notes, we may have left behind.

We leave the Junior Class our good luck. It made us what we are today and it should satisfy them. In addition to that, all our privileges and rights as Seniors in class room and chapel will revert to them as well as any notebooks, pencils, fountain pens, unfinished lolly-pops, or unfinished business left behind in our hurry. We will let them pay our debts also and they may have any boy or girl that we leave behind in our haste.

To our good friends, the Sophomore Class, we leave our patience. It will be found useful as the only means by which they can endure the Juniors.

To the young and unsophisticated Freshman, we leave a map of the school building, so that they will not get lost and roam about in everybody's way. We include book "How to Tell The Teachers," a pamphlet compiled by us after four years of arduous study.

We give and bequeath to the teachers our very kindest regards and sincere gratitude for their unfailing kindness and aid.

CLASS PROPHECY

Although it has never been publicly announced, it is generally known that I possess the remarkable power of projecting myself forward through the years into any given time in which I am interested. Tonight, being restless and weary with the cares of the day, I longed for a change of scene and time.

So, closing my eyes and relaxing, I wished myself into the public library of this town, thirty years from now. I found myself in the reference room of a magnificent new building. As I glanced at the shelves, my eye was attracted by a thin red leather volume. Taking it down, I saw the title was "Who's Who and Why in Stapleton." Eagerly I turned the pages and read the preface. When I saw how interesting it was I fled back into the Now, bringing the book with me. As I must hurry into the future again, in an hour, before the book is missed, I shall read it aloud to you. I am certain you will be interested.

(The speaker reads from the red book) "Who's Who and Why in Stapleton," dedicated to the Class of 1950, which class furnished most of the contents. Preface. There are few names in this book, but not few enough. The only entrants who deserve a place on this roll of honor are the members of the Class of 1949, a distinguished and intellectual group. In order to fill up the pages, other names were inserted, but need not be taken seriously.

Thomas, Rear Admiral, naval officer and target shooting expert, won the battles of Puget Sound and Hudson Bay in the last war between Daylight-Savings-Timers and Anti-Daylight-Savings-Timers. Noted for his inability to learn to swim and his skill in singing sea chanteys. It is believed that because of his remarkable radio broadcasts on "Deep Sea Navigation Beyond the Rockies," he will receive a promotion, being made a four star Admiral. Unmarried, Hobby: Oyster dredging.

June, B.S., A.B., M.A., Ph.D., D.D.S., F.O.B., and S.O.S. Dean of the Dormitory College for girls for the past ten years and an educator of note. Author of "What Isn't Wrong With Education," and "How To Teach Russian To A Low I.Q." Prides herself on having the most expensive and best college in America. Hobby: Failing to pass intelligence tests. Clubs: Sons and daughters of the Mentally Alert; Intelligentsia; and Mind Over Matter.

Lloyd, owner and manager of the huge chain of restaurants known all over the world as the "Eat and Run Restaurants." Self made, prides himself on his rise from proprietor of a hot dog stand on South Street to owner of one hundred plate glass white front resturants. Married to Lizzie, the champion pancake flopper of the state. Hobby: Analyzing hash. Club: United Restaurant Keepers of the World.

Esther, teacher of auction, duplicate and contract bridge, to Work, Whitehead, and Lenz. Winner of International Bridge tournament of penalities to be imposed for trumping partner's ace, losing the lead, forgetting the bid, and saying, "What Trumps?"

Maruice, orchestra leader and composer of distinction. Married to Rosa Trillalotta, leading soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company. For the last five years leader of the Phidiscordant Orchestra and the Air Forces Band. Composer of the "Third Floor Suite," "Concerto in A Flat," and "air for the Saxophone and the Tuba."

Walter, member of the Academy of Arts and Science, President of the Perfection Film Company, which turns out three hundred sixty-five ten reel films each year--one per day. In his employ are the most beautiful shaped bathing girls, the bravest heroes and the most beautiful heroiens in the world. Among his best known films are "Oroastus, a Greek Epic," and "The Multiplication Tables," a problem play.

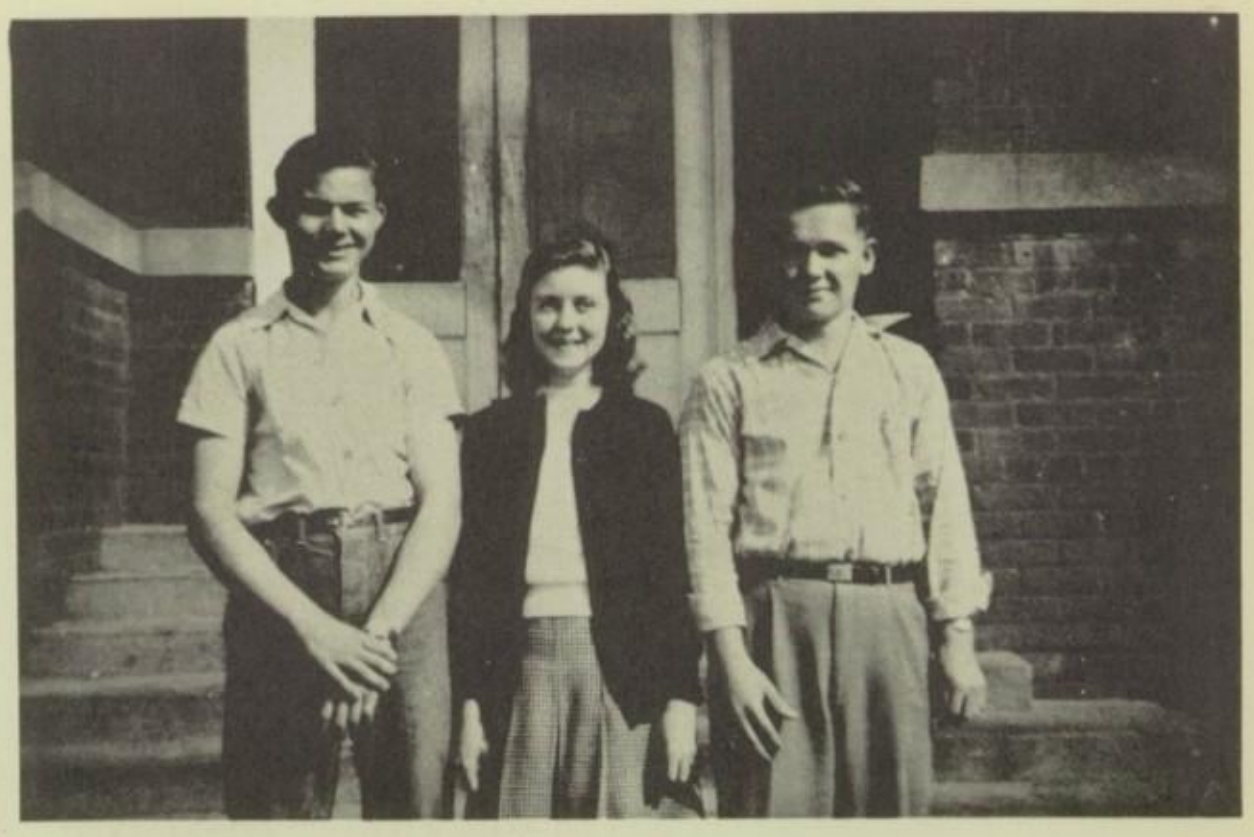
Betty, sixteenth President of the United States, elected by the Independent Party, active in politics since infancy, mayor of her town three terms, United States Senator for two terms, Speaker of the National House of Representatives one term. Sponsored the bills for disfranchising saxophone players, radio crooners, and talkative fishmen. Noted for her unique foreign policy. It has not been made public yet and probably never will be. Hobby: Crocheting Bathmats.

Jimmy, a poet of a new school. Author of "Owed to a Tailor," "Lines on a Lady's Face," and "Sonnets to a Sunflower." Unmarried, but frequently reported engaged. Hobby: Collecting unused postage stamps. Clubs: The pen and ink; the Return Postage Society.

Wilma, premiere danseuse of the Russian Dancers, the Chinese Ballet, and the Topeka Tap Dancers. Married and divorced three times. Noted for grace, beauty, and originality of dances. Introduced the popular ballroom steps, the grapevine glide, and the thistled-down float, but is more interested in interpretative and classical dancing. Hobby: Prevention of corns.

Glynn Hadden, famous inventor. Married to Mary Moneybags. Has invented over one thousand labor-saving devices, all of which are blessings to humanity. Among the best-known products of his agile brain are: Restwell mattresses for oyster beds, Boomerang collar buttons guaranteed to return to the hand that lost them, and indestructible leads for silver pencils, also exercise for reducing one's income tax. Hobby: Reading detective stories trying to solve the mysteries.

UNDERGRADS



JOHNNY ANNE FRANK
JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President----------Frank Terry
Vice-President----------Anne Johnson
Secretary and Treasurer----Johnny Peebles

Gymnasium

ELLEN BOONE
BILLY DYE
MILDRED HOBBS
ANNE JOHNSON
JAMES KENNEY

SARAH KITCHENS
MAGGIE REE McTIER
ROY McGAHEE
ALVA NEWSOME
EDD PERDUE

JOHNNY PEEBLES
FARRIS PENDREY
LIZZIE LEE REESE
SUE ROOKS
JIMMIE ROOKS

BERTHA THOMPSOM
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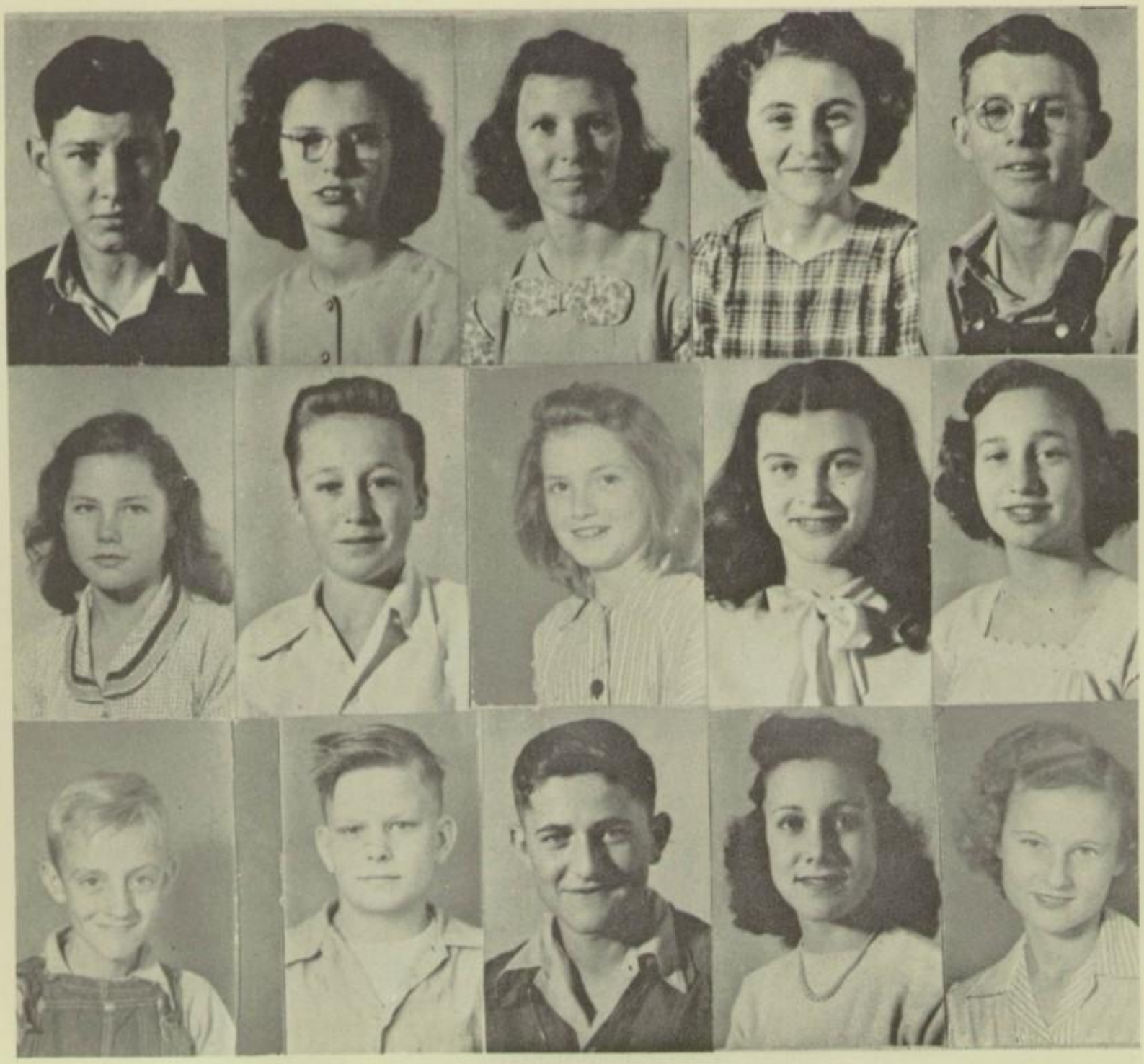
PAULINE USRY
WAULINE USRY
EDDIE WILLIAMS

JEANETTE PAUL

Junior Class



J. S. BEASLEY
DOLORES BROOKS
CHRISTINE DAVIS
FLOY HADDEN
JAMES HOBBS

SARAH HUFF
LAMAR KITCHENS
K. LINNENKOHL
VENERA PATE
EMILY PERDUE

WALTER POWELL
JACK RABUN
JAMES ROGERS
JUNE SWINT
ELLEN THIGPEN

Freshman Class

President---------- June Swint
Vice-President---------- Delores Brooks
Secretary and Treasurer-- Emily Perdue

We are the lowly Freshmen, but as soon as we can get rid of all those ahead of us we will be the Junior's a year and then the Senior's. It will take time and work, a few years of it, but we will finally succeed. By that time we believe that we can acquire at least as much dignity as the present Senior Class.

Our girls have already made themsleves known in basketball. Four, Delores Brooks, Venera Pate, Emily Perdue, and June Swint, played during the regular season. Venera was selected on the County All-Star Team.

We were caught in the change to twelve grades and are the first class to go twelve years. We think they could have waited another year, but we reconcile ourselves with the feeling that we will know more than the others and that we will have two years of being the top grade.

F. F. A. Chapter

OFFICERS

President--------- Thomas Howard
Vice-President---- Maurice McGahee
Secretary--------- Lloyd Kitchens
Treasurer--------- Roy McGahee
Reporter---------- Billy Dye

Eighth Grade

FRIST ROW: B. Jones, B. Paul, W. Clark, J. Usry, J. Cato.
SECOND ROW: B. Williams, J. Arrington, D. Williford, H. Shelton, Mr. Cason.
THIRD ROW: A. Thompson, J. Lofton, B. Rabun, J. Usry, P. Beasley, J. Brooks.

Seventh Grade

FRONT ROW: Reese, Reid, Harden, Williams, Thigpen, Johnson.
SECOND ROW: Hadden, Thigpen, Rooks, Swint, Harden, Allen.
THIRD ROW: Rogers, Williams, Allen, Beasley, Mrs. Rooks.

Fifth and Sixth Grades

FIRST ROW: Kitchens, Beckum, Newsome, Beasley, Thigpen, Usry, Williams, Beasley, Terry, Stapleton.
SECOND ROW: Terry, Thompson, Thigpen, Reese, Beasley, Rabun, Paul, Usry, Allen.
THIRD ROW: Williford, Pendrey, Beasley, Lofton, Williams, Williams, Jones, Sheppard.
FOURTH ROW: Williford, Rooks, Pendrey, Davis, Brooks.
BACK ROW: Mrs. McDonald.

Third and Fourth Grades

FIRST ROW: McDonald, Williams, Hobbs, McNair, Usry, McNair, Thompson, Davis.
SECOND ROW: Rabun, Allen, Linnenkohl, Landrum, Beasley, Terry, Williams, Clark.
THIRD ROW: Brooks, Shelton, Arrington, Pendrey, Harden.
FOURTH ROW: Paul, Stephens, Mrs. Webb, Williams.

First and Second Grades

FIRST ROW: Sheppard, Bruyere, Wilson, McDonald, McGahee, Usry, Beasley, Harden.
SECOND ROW: Thigpen, McGahee, Beasley, Shelton.
THIRD ROW: Mrs. Phillips, Pate, Clark, Sheppard, Harden, Williford, Reese.
FOURTH ROW: Kelley, Pate, Beckum, Thompson, Newsome, Usry.
FIFTH ROW: Brooks, Davis, Rooks, Brooks.
SIXTH ROW: Thigpen, Shelton, Howard, Willoughby, Reese.

SCHOOL FUN

1- He's some body's man.
2- She's almost in the wall.
3- The Captain of the ball team on the "Ball."
4- Two lovers.
5- They can't have a minute to themselves.
6- Lunch Room Managers.
7- Glynn shows his politeness to Wilma.

1- Day dreaming.
2- We're off for a jeep ride.
3- Shep's just thinking of things gone by.
4- The three slick chicks.
5- Just a simple country boy.
6- The lost four "Senior" girls.
7- Just a daily rest.

SURROUNDED

Thomas: To my right was a lion. To my left were tigers. In front and back of me were wild boars.
Breathless Boy: What happened?
Thomas: The merry-go-round stopped?

OUCH!

Jimmie: What is the difference between here and there?
Betty: I give up.
Jimmie: The letter "T".

GOOD SWAP

Lloyd (at the movie): Can you see all right?
Betty: Yes.
Lloyd: Is there a draft on you?
Betty: No.
Lloyd: Seat confortable?
Betty: Yes.
Lloyd: Mind changing, please?

FROGS

Thomas: If there were nine frogs, on a log and one took a notion to jump off, how many would be left?
Lloyd: Eight.
Thomas: Wrong.
Lloyd: Why?
Thomas: I did not say one jumped, did I? I said that if one took a notion to jump.

KNOW YOUR PENS

Glynn: Walter, can you tell me why the people in Georgia built there hog pens on the right side of the road?
Walter: I don't know.
Glynn: To put their hogs in.

QUICK, A PEN

Wilma: Mother, I've been helping you.
Mrs. Sheppard: What have you been doing?
Wilma: I licked all of your stamps so they'll be ready to put on your letters.

HEAD FIRST

Flier: I was trying to make a new record.
Farmer: You did. You're the first man to climb down that tree without first climbing up.

SHOWN UP

Mr. Cook: What is ignorance, Frank?
Frank: Ignorance is when you don't know something and someone finds it out.

NO NERVE

The law gives Mrs. Cook the right to open Mr. Cooks mail, but not the nerve.

FALSE ALARM

Mr. Cook retired and moved to town. In the morning, after spending the first night in the new home.
Mrs. Cook: "Well pa, hain't it about time you was getting up to build the fire?"
Mr. Cook: No siree, I'll call the fire department. We might as well get used to these city conveniences right now.

ATHLETICS

Girls' Basketball Team

BACK ROW: Maggie Ree McTier, June Swint, Dolores Brooks, Jeanette Paul.

FIRST ROW: Venera Pat, June Clark, Emily Perdue.

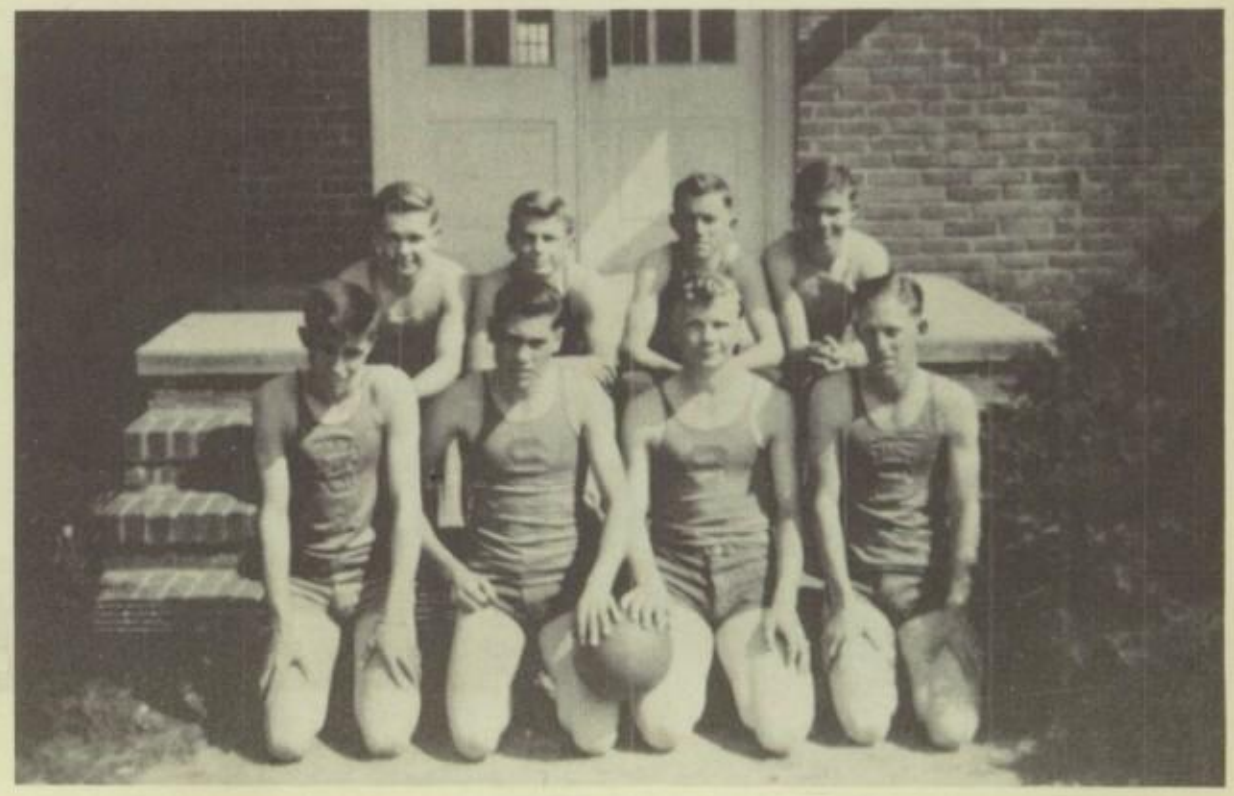
Captains

JUNE CLARK AND EDD PERDUE

Boys' Basketball Team

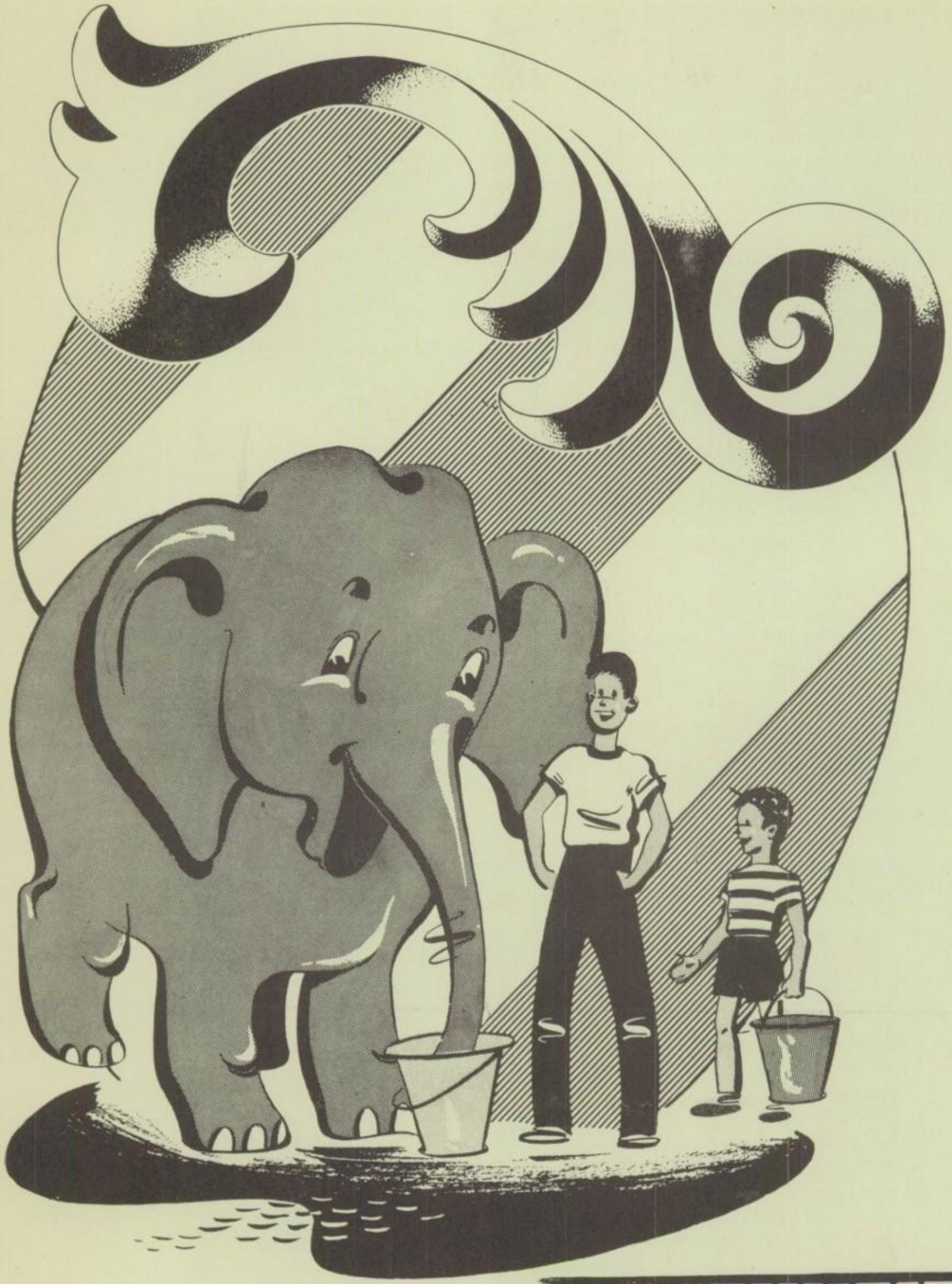
BACK ROW: Frank Terry, Roy McGahee, Lloyd Kitchens, Johnny Peebles.

FIRST ROW: Billy Dye, Alva Newsome, Jimmy Sheppard, Thomas Howard.



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November 18, 1948	Gibson	Here
November 23, 1948	Avera	Here
December 3, 1948	Wadley	There
December 7, 1948	Avera	Here
December 10, 1948	Dearing	Here
December 16, 1948	Gibson	There
January 4, 1949	Dearing	There
January 7, 1949	Harlem	There
January 11, 1949	Louisville	Here
January 14, 1949	Harlem	Here
January 18, 1949	Avera	Here
January 20, 1949	Bastonville	Here
January 25, 1949	Wadley	Here
February 1, 1949	Bartow	Here
February 4, 1949	Wrens	Here
February 7, 1949	Gibson	There
February 21, 1949	Gibson	Here



ACTIVITIES

SENIOR PARTY

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the school year was our Senior Class party held at the lovely country home of Miss Betty Hadden on Friday evening March twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred forty-nine.

Each member was invited to bring one guest. When assembled there were seventeen young people ready for "fun and frolic." A well planned program of entertainment was carried out during the evening.

Delicious refreshments were served by Miss Hadden, assisted by her Mother and the young lady members of the class.

Those present were Misses Hobbs, Swint, Thompsom, Sheppard, Clark, Allen, Hadden, and Messrs Henderson, Zeigler, Newsome, Wells, Hadden, Kitchens, Rabun, Howard, and McGahee.

JUNIOR PICNIC

On Thursday evening March seventeenth, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the Junior Class and their guests assembled at Stapleton's Gymnasium for an evening of entertainment.

During the course of the evening many games were played that brought hearty laughter from one and all.

The girls of the class served as hostesses.

One hour of the evening was spent conversing, eating, and drinking.

The Chaperons, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cason, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kilgore, shared unheard laughter while watching the worn out hosts pushing through the crowd for their hostesses, when the last game of "Post Office" was finshed, and home-going time rolled around.

Those present were Misses Anne Johnson, Bertha Thompsom, Jeanette Paul, Sue Rooks, Jimmie Rooks, Wauline Usry, Pauline Usry, Sarah Kitchens, Maggie Ree McTier, Mildred Hobbs, Ellen Boone, June Clark, Betty Jean Hadden and Messrs Dick Swan, Billy Dye, Weldon Purvis Jr., Edison Henson, Marion Wilkinson, Aubrey Montgomery, Daniel Shelton, Oscar Means, Jr., Glynn Hadden, Jack Rabun, Roy McGahee, Frank Terry, Johnny Peebles, Alva Newsome, Farris Pendrey, Eddie Williams, and Edd Perdue.

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